In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1   1.   [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid

2   chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local

3   enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to

4   select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps

5   of:

6   establishing a communication link with an external

7   enterprise catalog computer system to build an

8   appropriate chart of accounts in an electronic storage

9   device for a given company;

10   transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer

11   system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a

12   requisition catalog computer system database in a local

13   enterprise specified format;

14   administrator selecting from said requisition catalog

15   computer system database valid accounts with

16   descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period

17   for said given company, said description mapping

18   account codes selected by said administrator to a given

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19   commodity code from an associated accounting <u>computer</u>

20   system for use by a requester to select the correct

21   general ledger account when doing financial validation

22   on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

23   administrator then associating a selected

24   account/description tuple with company commodity groups

25   for use in a requisition creation process; and

26   upon said requester selecting a commodity from a

27   commodity description document presenting said

28   commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting

29   process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial

30   worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers

31   and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1   2.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising

2   the steps of:

3   requisitioner searching against commodities and

4   catalogs in commodity description documents and

5   responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1   3.   [Original]   The method of claim 2, further comprising

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2   the steps of:

3   administrator creating a company commodity document

4   including for each commodity code under each company, a

5   commodity category code, a short description, a long

6   description, key words, approvers, financial

7   information, route-to buyer by plant association,

8   preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable

9   for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10   requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting

11   process, which displays line items which may be

12   selected by said requisitioner; and

13   displaying an agent created financial worksheet with

14   fields which need to be selected or populated by

15   requisitioner derived from company commodity document,

16   based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid

17   general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to

18   said requisitioner.

4-14.   [Canceled]

1   15.   [Currently amended]   A computer program product or

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2   ~~computer program element~~ for <u>creating a valid chart of</u>

3   <u>accounts from which an administrator of a local enterprise</u>

4   <u>can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid</u>

5   <u>general ledger account</u> ~~executing the steps~~<u>, said computer</u>

6   <u>program product</u> comprising:

7   <u>a computer readable medium:</u>

8   <u>first program instructions to establish</u> ~~establishing~~ a

9   communication link with an external enterprise catalog

10   <u>computer</u> system to build an appropriate chart of

11   accounts for a given company;

12   <u>second program instructions to transmit</u> ~~transmitting~~

13   from said enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts

14   with descriptions to a requisition catalog <u>computer</u>

15   system database;

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17   <u>third program instructions to enable an</u> administrator

18   ~~selecting~~ <u>to select</u> from said requisition catalog

19   <u>computer</u> system database valid accounts with

20   descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period,

21   said description mapping account codes selected by said

22   administrator to a given commodity code from an

23   associated accounting <u>computer</u> system for use by a

24   requester <u>at a computer terminal</u> to ~~select the~~ <u>select a</u>

25   correct general ledger account when doing financial

26   validation on a requisition for said commodities;

27   [[and]]

28   <u>fourth program instructions to enable</u> said

29   administrator <u>to</u> then ~~associating~~ <u>associate</u> a selected

30   account/description tuple with company commodity groups

31   for use in a requisition creation process; and

32   <u>fifth program instructions, responsive to</u> ~~upon said~~

33   <u>said</u> requester selecting a commodity from a commodity

34   description document<u>, to present</u> ~~presenting~~ said

35   commodity codes<u>,</u> ~~and initiating~~ <u>initiate</u> a proceed to

36   accounting process, ~~presenting~~ <u>and to present</u> to said

37   requisitioner a financial worksheet with valid general

38   ledger accounts numbers and descriptions for selection

39   by said requisitioner<u>; and wherein</u>

40   <u>said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program</u>

41   <u>instructions are recorded on said medium</u>.

1   16.   [Canceled]

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2   17.   [Currently amended] The ~~program storage device~~

3   computer program product of claim 15, ~~said method steps~~

4   further comprising:

5   sixth program instructions to enable said administrator

6   ~~creating~~ to create a company commodity document

7   including for each commodity code under each company, a

8   commodity category code, a short description, a long

9   description, key words, approvers, financial

10   information, route-to buyer by plant association,

11   preferred supplier, and special handling codes all

12   usable for enabling customer selection of a correct

13   commodity;

14   seventh program instructions responsive to said

15   requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting

16   process, ~~which displays~~ to display at a computer

17   terminal line items which may be selected by said

18   requisitioner; and

19   eighth program instructions to display at said computer

20   terminal ~~displaying~~ an agent created financial

21   worksheet with fields which need to be selected or

22   populated by requisitioner derived from said company

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23   commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby

24   presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and

25   descriptions to said requisitioner <u>at said computer</u>

26   <u>terminal; and wherein</u>

27   <u>said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions</u>

28   <u>are recorded on said medium.</u>

1   18.   [Currently amended] The computer program product~~or~~

2   ~~computer program element~~ of claim 15, ~~said steps~~ further

3   comprising:

4   <u>sixth program instructions responsive to said</u>

5   requisitioner searching against commodities and

6   catalogs in commodity description documents~~and~~

7   ~~responsive thereto, creating~~ <u>to create</u> one or more line

8   items<u>; and wherein</u>

9   <u>said sixth program instructions are recorded on said</u>

10   <u>medium.</u>

1   19.   [Currently amended] The computer program ~~product or~~

2   ~~computer program element~~ of claim 18~~, said steps~~ further

3   comprising:

4   seventh program instructions for enabling said

5   administrator ~~creating~~ to create a company commodity

6   document including for each commodity code under each

7   company, a commodity category code, a short

8   description, a long description, key words, approvers,

9   financial information, route-to buyer by plant

10   association, preferred supplier, and special handling

11   codes all usable for enabling customer selection of a

12   correct commodity;

13   eighth program instructions responsive to said

14   requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting

15   process~~, which displays~~ to display line items which may

16   be selected by said requisitioner; and

17   ninth program instructions ~~displaying~~ to display at

18   said computer terminal an agent created financial

19   worksheet with fields which need to be selected or

20   populated by said requisitioner derived from company

21   commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby

22   presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and

23   descriptions to said requisitioner; and wherein

24   said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions

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25   <u>are recorded on said medium</u>.

1   20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further

2   comprising the steps of:

3   displaying to said administrator an accounting <u>computer</u>

4   system generated chart of accounts, said chart

5   including for each account an account identifier and

6   commodity description;

7   responsive to administrator selection, associating a

8   selected commodity description and account identifier

9   with a company commodity group document together with

10   information enabling said requisitioner to select a

11   correct commodity.

1   21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said

2   information including commodity description, approvers,

3   general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred

4   supplier.

1   22-23.   [Canceled]

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